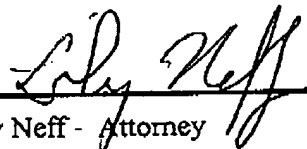


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Claims 1 and 2 are pending in this application. Claims 1 and 2 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) by the Examiner as being unpatentable over Reib et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5, 692, 917). Claims 1 and 2 have been now amended. Support for the amendment can be found in page paragraph 0017 of the specification. No new matter has been added. Newly amended claims 1 and 2 are now in condition for allowance, allowance of which are respectfully requested.

Applicants submit that in view of the forgoing discussions and remarks, this application is now in condition of allowance, allowance of which is respectfully requested.

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